

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A plasma display panel in which a protective layer covers a dielectric layer covering electrodes in discharge cells and faces a discharge space filled with a discharge gas, wherein

the discharge gas includes ~~at least one selected from the group consisting of Xe~~
5 ~~and Kr~~ whose partial pressure is no less than 20%, and

in the protective layer, an electron band including at least electrons having energy level of 4 eV or less below a vacuum level is formed within a forbidden band in energy bands.

2. (Original) The plasma display panel of Claim 1, wherein
the protective layer emits photoelectrons by energy of 4 eV or less obtained through light.

3. (Original) The plasma display panel of Claim 2, wherein
the protective layer is mainly composed of magnesium oxide.

4. (Original) The plasma display panel of Claim 3, wherein
at least one selected from the group consisting of Group III, Group IV and Group VII elements is added to the magnesium oxide.

5. (Original) The plasma display panel of Claim 3, wherein
one element selected from the group consisting of Ge and Sn is added to the magnesium oxide.

6. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of Claim 3, wherein
the magnesium oxide includes an oxygen deficit.

7.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of Claim 4, wherein the magnesium oxide includes an oxygen deficit.

14. (Previously Presented) The plasma display panel of Claim 5, wherein the magnesium oxide includes an oxygen deficit.

15. (Cancelled)